

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **TONG, ET AL.** :
APPLICATION NO.: **NOT YET ASSIGNED** : Examiner: **NOT YET ASSIGNED**
FILING DATE: **HEREWITH** : Group Art Unit: **NOT YET ASSIGNED**
TITLE: **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS** :
FOR DIAGNOSING AND
TREATING DISORDERS
INVOLVING ANGIOGENESIS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 of the specification:

--- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit of priority from United States Provisional
Application No. 60/227,924, filed August 25, 2000.---

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